GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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COST ESCALATION OF PROJECTS IN NE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `AAI NE projects hit rough weather`appearing in the Statesman dated July 13, 2002;

(b) if so, whether several projects of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) in the North-East have been affected by cost escalation in the past few years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to execute all such projects without any cost escalation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) :- Yes, Sir.
(b) and (c):- No, Sir. However, there have been delays in completion of certain projects in the North East Region due to various reasons including :

(i) Insurgency problems prevailing in some parts of North Eastern Region causing delay in transportation of construction material.

(ii) Non-availability of raw materials for construction due to the ban imposed by Supreme Court including quarrying of stone aggregates in some of the North Eastern State.

(iii)Prolonged duration of rainy season causing delay in supply of construction material at work site.

(iv) Non-availability of land in time for construction / project work.

(d):- Airports Authority of India (AAI) has constituted the Department of Project Monitoring, headed by an Executive Director, to effectively monitor all aspects of projects undertaken by AAI, including execution time and costs.